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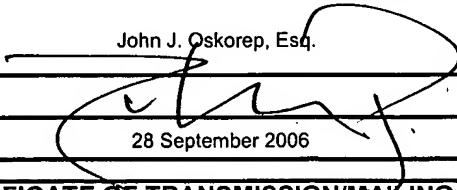
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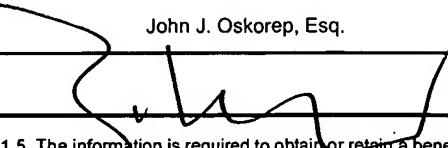
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Serial No.: 10/789,561) Examiner: Kim, Paul D.
Filed: 02/27/2004) Docket No.: HSJ9-2003-0128US1
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For: ***METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE LAPPING OF
A SLIDER BASED ON AN AMPLITUDE OF A READBACK SIGNAL
PRODUCED FROM AN EXTERNALLY APPLIED MAGNETIC FIELD***

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 28 August 2006,
please consider the following:

In the mailing of 28 August 2006, a Restriction Requirement was issued for the above-referenced patent application. In the restriction requirement, the Examiner separated the claims of the present application into two groups, namely, Group I “method” claims 1-9 and 18-22, and Group II “system” claims 10-17 and 23-27.

In the restriction, the Examiner states that Groups I and II are distinct because “the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus or by hand.” The Applicants respectfully disagree and hereby traverse the Examiner’s restriction. More specifically, the Applicants respectfully submit that the process could not be practiced by any materially different apparatus or by hand. When “lapping” of a slider is performed as recited in the method claims, for example, one of ordinary skill in the art appreciates that it requires the use of a lapping plate as recited in the system claims. As another example, in order to “produce a magnetic field” around the slider, a coil is needed as recited in the system claims. The Examiner even suggests that the production of the magnetic field can be performed by hand, but it obviously cannot be so produced.

With respect to the requirement to elect one of species A and B of Group I, or species C and D of Group II, the Applicants further disagree. A measurement of the asymmetry makes use of a readback signal amplitude. See e.g. claims 9, 17, 22, and 29. Therefore, species B and D are merely narrower embodiments than species A and C, respectively.

These are but a few examples of the reasons why the Examiner’s restriction requirement is not proper. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw such restriction.

In any event, the Applicant hereby elects *GROUP II invention claims 10-17 and 23-27* with traverse, with further election of species C.

Thank you. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if necessary to expedite this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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